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Title : Need to create a new Railway Division at Jharsuguda under the East Coast Railway.

SHRI B. MAHTAB (CUTTACK): East Coast Railway was made operational with effect from 1st April 2003 with Khurda Road, Sambalpur and Waltair Divisions. The operating ration of this railway zone has been excellent and even one of the lowest in Indian Railways.

However, expansion of jurisdiction of East Coast Railway has become a necessity in view of rapid industrialization in Orissa. I would urge upon the Ministry of Railways to to extend the jurisdiction of Sambalpur division to include−

a) Jharsuguda − Barsuan − Kiriburu

b) Rourkela − Nuagaon

c) Jharsuguda - Himgiri

A separate new division may be created at Jharsuguda under the East Coast Railway.

Likewise, the juirisdiction of East Coast Railway be extended to include Bansapani to Padapahar section and Bhadrak-Laxmannath Road section in Khurda Road Division. This will help in the Operation of railways in that area.

I urge upon the Government to take immediate steps in this regard.